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## CURTAIN FALLS ON CLOSING SCENE OF CONVENTION

Most Successful in History of  
Union of Municipalities  
Since Inception

With the banquet at the Hunter Hotel last Thursday night the curtain drawn on the closing scene of the very best convention of the Union of Alberta Municipalities ever held since the inception of the institution. This is the consensus of opinion expressed by the officers and executive of the Union, the opinion expressed by the 53 delegates in attendance and the opinion expressed by those who during its existence have attended every meeting wherever held.

In the papers read there was a wonderful grasp of municipal affairs shown by the speakers, and for months hereafter the various mayors and aldermen will sit at their boards and discuss matters brought up at this convention, and naturally it will be mentioned that this convention was held at Bassano.

The gist of the whole affair centred largely on financial matters, the best manner of assessing property, of collecting taxes, of dealing with taxes in arrears and the sale of bonds and debentures. And these matters were discussed in a very intelligent manner.

J. S. Mayor in the morning of the last day gave a very forcible and instructive talk on the subject of "Municipal Taxation." He explained that there were three sources of taxation, national, provincial and municipal. These are all impossible to escape as we are a much-governed people and the cost must be paid.

Dealing with municipal taxation he pointed out the limitations, such as the small area assessable, exceptions, etc., illustrating with the town of Brooks, which has a small site, and has to deal with the C. P. R., "that benevolent octopus which apparently invokes a divine right to dodge the payment of taxes."

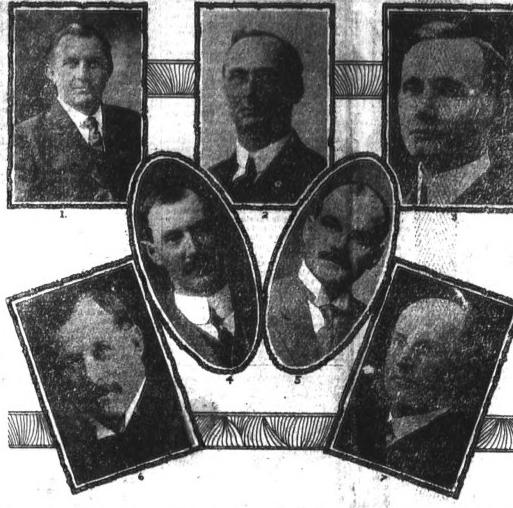
It is only fair that every resident should bear a share of the cost of government, and he suggested that a graduated income tax from one to five per cent, would make every one pay. There are difficulties but he was strongly of the opinion that an income tax should supplement single tax in towns and cities. The single tax is quite adequate in rural sections and for school purposes.

He denounced as gross misrepresentation the over assessment of lands, especially in times where town lands are a drug on the market. Assessment should not be based on previous inflated values.

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## PROMINENT AGRICULTURISTS AT HOME AND ABROAD



Who will address the ninth annual convention of the Western Canada Irrigation Association to be held at Bassano, November 22nd, 24th and 25th.

- 1. J. T. HINKLE, Third Vice President International Irrigation Congress, Hermiston, Oregon.
- 2. R. B. DURHAM, Vice President United Farmers of Alberta, Lethbridge.
- 3. W. H. FAIRFIELD, Superintendent Dominion Experimental Farm, Lethbridge.
- 4. E. F. DRAKE, Superintendent of Irrigation, Ottawa.
- 5. G. H. HUTCHINSON, Superintendent Dominion Experimental Farm, Lacoste.
- 6. D. J. WYLIE, M.L.A., Hon. Minister Cypress Hills Water Users Association, Maple Creek, Sask.
- 7. G. R. MARNOCK, President Lethbridge Board of Trade.

Mr. Tweedie explained the administration of the fund and urged that everyone become a leader in raising funds. It would increase the fighting efficiency of the soldier to know that his family was protected from want while he was at the front.

Richard Wallace, Calgary's assessor, read a splendid paper telling of assessment methods in that city.

The more prominent local politicians made a speech or taken to almost all the delegates, there being plenty of autos donated for the occasion. One of the most interesting sights to the visitors was the lighting of the gas at the well with the south of town.

In the evening the banquet at the Hunter hotel was opened by some forty or fifty guests. Hunter putting up one of the best menus for such an occasion that could be wished for. The toast list included "The King;" "Our Empire and the Allies," responded to by T. M. Tweedie; "The Canadian Government," H. Pickard; "The Visiting Delegates;" "Mayor Costello and Mayor Hardie;" and "The Province." Hon. W. Garlick and G. R. Marneck. As became that time, most of the addresses were of a patriotic nature, and sound of them were the south of town.

Songs were given by A. G. Bond, Jas. Johnston and Mr. Kent of Red Deer.

Edmonton was unanimously chosen as the next place of meeting.

The officers elected for the coming year were Mayor Costello, Calgary, president; Norman Hobbes, Claresholm, 1st vice-president; Mayor Hawthorne, Medicine Hat, and vice-president and A. W. O. Allen, Red Deer, secretary-treasurer.

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J. H. Pickard sounded just a little bit following such a brilliant light as Tweedie, but with a proper command of the English language even Tom would take his hat off to Pickard. His heart is in the right place.

It was G. R. Marneck of Lethbridge who referred to Mayor Flanagan as the

## WHO WOULDN'T BE A HORSE?

## TWO B. C. TOWNS ALREADY AFTER 1916 CONVENTION

Posters for the ninth annual irrigation convention are out, and they are perfect models of art. Norman S. Rankin who picked up the design for these posters, has a keen eye for pretty girls, and his provocative manner would coax the prettiest of them to pose for a picture.

This is what happened in this case and the secretary of the Association got together a pretty little buncher consisting of a team of horses out in the middle of a field to pose for his 1915 posters. The engraving is most original and life like.

Now who wouldn't be a team of horses out in the middle of a field?

## BROOKS SHAKES ITSELF

Last Friday night the town of Brooks wakened up, or at least the C. P. R. boys down there did, and pulled off one of the neatest little dances ever held in this section of the country.

Several of the company boys of Bassano took the trip there, carrying their own music and girls with them, and helped to make the sleepy little town look lively for once in its life, and both the Bassano music and the Bassano girls were the rage of the town for one evening.

In fact it is rumored that several of the company boys in our sister town were pretty badly smitten with the Bassano girls and invited them to make their frames in Brooks, but so far there is nothing doing.

The editor of The Mail was also present at the dance with his hair all braided up, but nobody invited him to make his home in Brooks, because Editor Nesbitt is quite live enough for them.

## JUST LITTLE THINGS

McCullough—On Oct. 19, to Mr. and Mrs. J. McCullough, Crowfoot, a daughter.

Smith—On Oct. 7, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Smith, Bassano, a daughter.

Lloyd—On Oct. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lloyd, Bassano, a daughter.

Hughes—On Friday night, Oct. 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hughes, a son.

## COMING! COMING!

Dr. M. Mecklenburg, the reliable, reputable, responsible graduate, well qualified, long experienced and well established eye specialist and optician, phone M1120, Calgary, will appear at the Hunter hotel, Bassano, N.W.T., for consultations of the eye sight. Charges are moderate.

At midnight, Oct. 31, the Bassano local comes off, and Nos. 1 and 2 will carry day coaches between Winnipeg and Vancouver. Nos. 13 and 14 will also be taken off. A number of changes are also scheduled on the branch lines.

Peter Leitch, the well-known sheep rancher of this district, has arrived safely in Scotland after dodging submarines, etc., and in a back hand book he wishes to be remembered to his old Bassano friends, especially mentioning W. S. Playfair and T. H. Hunter.

R. Findlay, the new manager of the Bank of Commerce, arrived here on Friday of last week from Watson, Saskatchewan. Mr. Findlay knows country banking business from the ground up and will doubtless be good here. We won't pull off any joke on him this week as his bank holds too much of our paper for us to get funny with him.

He drives a fraud car.

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No. 3

Kamloops and Nelson Will Bring  
Strong Delegations Here To  
Bid For Honor

Telegraphic advice has been received from Kamloops and from Nelson, B.C., that both of these towns will bring strong delegations to Bassano and actively bid for the 1916 convention of the Western Canada Irrigation Association.

Among the speakers announced to be present are I. D. O'Donnell, of Billings, Montana, who is advisor to the United States Reclamation Service Board. He is a practical farmer and for years has been farming in Montana. So proficient and competent an irrigator did he become that the Reclamation Service Board have been after him for a couple of years, and finally last year induced him to accept a position on that body.

In addition to the presence of the Honorable Premier A. L. Sulton to officially welcome the delegates to the Bassano Convention, it is understood that the newly appointed Lieutenant-Governor, the Honorable Dr. Brett, will attend also and officially open the proceedings.

D. W. Hayes, the well known engineer in charge of the Southern Alberta Irrigation System, has recently completed a "Cost System of Accounting for Farmers," which he will explain at the meeting illustrated by charts.

The splendid success of the convention of the Alberta Union of Municipalities held at Bassano last week has demonstrated to every one that the little dam town knows how to conduct a meeting in a business like manner, and at the same time entertain its visitors.

## OUR ROLL OF HONOR

The Militia Department at Ottawa has again issued suggestions to all municipalities to enable them of Honor containing the names of all those who have served in the various regiments and several localities who have enlisted in the overseas forces. Such rolls will be published from time to time in the local papers, to be available when companies, to be formed, are posted in the municipal hall of each incorporated municipality, so that the names of those who freely offered their lives and services to their country in time of need, will be permanently recorded and available to future generations.

The Council of Bassano have been approached along these lines and have decided to have this list compiled at once. In order that the list may be as complete and as correct as possible, the Council ask the public and relatives of those who have already agreed to have the names, rank and unit number of all such with Secretary-Treasurer Bond at the Town Hall, who is looking after the compiling of this list.

## WHO DROVE THE NAIL, ETC.

Duchess, Jenner and Idlesleigh had their little German scandal last week about iron filings in the threshing machine oil, so The Mail took occasion this week to find out if it wasn't possible for this paper to be up to date with these little towns.

We got along fine, for after taking an ornery gasoline engine apart we tipped out a real hard wire and from our carburetor. Now nails are all right on fingers and toes, etc., but a gas engine has no use for them.

The question that remains to be discussed is, "How the devil did that nail get there?"

# The Mystery of the Ravenspurs

By Fred M. White  
Ward, Lock & Co. Limited  
London, Melbourne and Toronto

(Continued)

"Well, we were spared for the moment and cast into a lathouse from which we could not escape. There was a vermin, great rats which we had constantly to drive off, and there were birds."

"How long we lay without food I don't know, anyway. It seemed days. Then one day we were allowed to try lying in the pitch dark fighting with nameless unseen terrors and see how far we could crawl before we met a minute's rest. And yet we knew that if we were to live, we must get out, so we went together and could cheer the black hours with the stories of our past, the stories we have gone mad. One moment we were cast down in the depths of gloom, the next we were laughing and singing songs of gay scenes. We were not insane, but we must have been.

After many years of it seemed to us they felid up again. We were not just into the banqueting hall, but into the lathouse again, on the floor of which were two shallow tanks of brackish water over with a thick scum of frogs and insects. The men sat long, stony rods for all the world like a band of rags, only the shamed heads were above water.

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"We had no script and I said so. As a matter of fact such formulas and such methods of procedure were possessed of had been smugly beyond the reach of Rayburn and his men."

"Epicurean had conveyed them a strip of safety. But my stomach?"

"She turned sharply to her attendants.

"Strip them," she said, and put them in the bath."

"We were going to learn then what Epicurean had taught us."

"There is no need to remove our clothing," I cried. "We will do it ourselves."

"I was afraid our revolvers should be taken away, so I had to be led to believe that we were to be immured in the basement to understand for like myself, we were to be used as guinea pigs."

"We were not insane, but we must have been."

"The cases were growing. Gave up the greater part of our time in the bars of wits, growing red and red in the form of heat. What did we know?"

"I looked at Ah! I was very much."

"I was given a deep breath and a long, long time. The moments on life lengthened, was not in the heat alone, was the heat of the body."

"The suspense was seated. A few of the high-grade priests were grouped around me. Epicurean had seated us, and had mud up their minds. We were not going to be tried even once."

"What do you want to live?"

"Ralph, I am a man, I am a man with a name, I am a man with a home!"

"We have no desire to die, I am a man with a name, I am a man with a home."

"Even if I were an old man with a name I'd give the grave for three more years of living upon the road."

"The pictures are still. I will try to make that smile. If you have seen it you will have given ten years of your life."

"It is in your hands to live," the woman said, "it is for you to say what you will."

"But you shall not carry our crosses to the West. You shall not be left to the memory of the past with me."

"I guess at once what she meant."

"There were infinite upon the floor of the lathouse, the floor of the condemned, who would undertake errands at a time, but who had no reason to be there, but who had no reason to be there."

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P. W. STONE, Editor

**DON'T BE A GROUCHER**

The first convention of the season is over and in every way it was a great success. Bassano did herself proud in the entertaining of her guests and showed the true western spirit of hospitality.

The delegates and visitors to the Union of Alberta Municipalities convention were all found in the praises of Bassano as a convention town, and will be glad to get back at any time, and Bassano will be glad to have them. The delegates were all good fellows and as such their entertainment was an easy matter. There was not a kick coming from any of them.

It would scarcely be correct to say arrangements were perfect and everything went off like clock work, as that is not true and the Mail could be accused of pandering to public opinion did it say so. There were some little things that could have been arranged more systematically perhaps, but then these things are found always in any kind of a gathering. They must be expected and are looked for, and they are not the occasion for any kick.

There are those in town who feel fault with some little arrangements in connection with the entertaining of the visitors, but as the chronic grouchers never turned a hand in the arrangements and would not if they were asked to, their grumblings can be entirely ignored. It is for them to sit back and criticize, which is after all the easiest and meanest part to play in any game. The Mail is pleased to be able to state that these kickers are mighty few.

Next month the Western Canada Irrigation convention will be on. It will be a bigger one than that of last week, but it cannot be a more successful one. Today there are a few workers who are shouldering the responsibility of making it a success from a local standpoint. These workers

should be backed up with the heartiest support of every citizen in town. Don't be a grouch and find fault, but pitch in and help even though that help may not amount to very much, for after all there is no better encouragement to any worker than the assurance that he is backed up in his efforts by the good will of the community.

Your help is needed, and if you don't like the way things are being run, for the love of Mike keep your mouth closed or else pitch in and help run things differently yourself.

**TREAT THEM WELL**

In a few weeks at the outside all the boys who recently enlisted in the 82nd will be away to join their regiments and in training for service at the front. Bassano has done well in the matter of recruits come of whom have already found their way to the trenches.

Going as they have—see here and one there—it has been a matter of much difficulty for the town to recruit their men for as it should be recognized, last to my three are quite a number in Calgary, and it would be well for the town and its citizens to get together to request that the boys be let off a week end and that they be brought home and entertained.

It is not true The Mail to suggest what the nature of that entertainment should be, but of whatever nature it should be right royal entertainment. Should these boys ever see the trenches it will be a bright spot in their lives to be able to look back in memory over the waste of water to their little old home town and just think of the good time the folks at home gave them before they left.

The Mail is given to understand that J. S. Mayor is considering the matter of some such scheme and that the boys be given leave of absence in bunches. If this is true Mr. Mayor is to be congratulated on his initiative, and no citizen should consider it anything but his duty to dig down in his pockets, if necessary, for a few shillings to help the project along. The boys deserve all the entertainment that can be given them.

This little old dam town knows both how to run a convention and how to entertain her visitors. We are very glad we came down this way whether anybody else is or not.

It is reported that "Porky" Hunter will write a book entitled "How to run a banquet."



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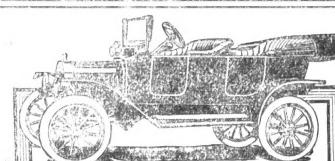
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Coal mining rights in the Dominion of Canada, the Yukon Territories and Alaska, the Yukon Territories and a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be granted for a period of 20 years at an annual rental of \$1.00 acre. Not more than 2,500 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent in charge of the land office where the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land is divided into sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be divided into sections.

Each application must be accompanied by a sum of \$5 which will be retained in the land office until the lease is granted, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchandise output of the mine, and the agent may deduct the same.

The persons operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with written returns account of the coal produced, and the quantity of coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not exercised, the Agent may require the lease to be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights and the mineral rights as permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary to work the mine, at the rate of \$10.00 an acre.

For full information apply to the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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4. In this hour of trial we desire Great Britain to realize that every Canadian is supporting and upholding her Cause.

5. The war in which we are engaged is a righteous cause, a struggle for Truth, Liberty and for the sacredness of Treaties and the given word.

6. If you can't go yourself, you can help to make it possible for others to go by guaranteeing that their families will be provided for in their absence.

7. The object of the Canadian Patriotic Fund is to make provision for ALL families of soldiers going from Canada to take part in the present war.

8. Those who have gone to the front are making greater sacrifices than anything we can do at home.

9. An unparalleled crisis in the world's history calls for supreme sacrifice on our part.

We Must Do Our Duty.  
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## BOSTONIANS AT GEM THEATRE TONIGHT ONLY

All-Girl Company Will Present "Tipperary Mary," Musical Play of Old Ireland

The returning Bostonians will present for tonight only, "Tipperary Mary," an offering that has been judged in Calgary and other places as one of the most musical plays ever produced. It is to be noted that the Bostonians are the first company to create the popularity of this piece in the States, and it is the pleasure privilege of these youthful stars to present "Tipperary Mary" for the first time in Canada.

The Bostonians have earned deserved reputation as the hands of the leading stage in the past two years, and the flavor of this all-girl company is seen in the good will of the spectators over half the globe. This season will find only attractions which have established themselves. It is this sort of company only that can command the largest audiences. World affairs are at so high a tension. No other than a well and favorably known organization would advantageously even contemplate a stage production. The reason is a great and diversified attraction to men, and because of these existing circumstances, the Bostonians, perhaps deserve additional praise and patronage.

"Tipperary Mary" is a rollicking, ringing musical play of "Old Ireland," showing its home life in a gay and gay way. It is replete with "wholesome" music, entertaining dancing, excellent comedy, talented people, special mounting, new lighting effects, and it is clear.

Of the Bostonians, everyone is an artist and every artist is a girl.

This unique attraction will be seen at the Gem Theatre tonight only. You will be well repaid if you remember this date and pay this famous company of clever girls a visit.

## THE POOR MUSKRAT

The pelt of the muskrat is unquestionably the most serviceable and profitable of any of the furs bearing the name of North America. The muskrat loves his home in every state in the Union and in every province in Canada and will set up in any other land. Only a few years ago, the attempt was made to transplant and rear the muskrat in Australia, and strange to say, in his new home, the muskrat soon degenerated into what we in America know as a common shrew which fit with no value in his pelt as an article for furrier use and a nuisance beyond control.

The writer, A. E. Shubert, president of A. E. Shubert, Inc., Chicago, U.S.A., the largest house in the world dealing exclusively in American raw furs, made a personal investigation of the muskrat in Australia, Victoria, and Tasmania, and found the neighborhood where the American muskrat was first planted. The geography of this country of this is about the same as the Northern States. The climate is about the same, the country is very friendly with Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin and Michigan and the temperature will average about the same.

The importation of the muskrat was manifestly not a success, the animal failing to settle down to its habitat and increasing there, so as to cheaper the belt that was imported from America. The animal got quickly acclimated and the number was greatly increased. Notwithstanding all this it was decided that the experiment was a failure from a commercial, financial, and other view. Why the animal should so deteriorate in the quality of fur, no one yet has been able to explain, and the only explanation that Mr. Shubert could give was that it was possibly caused by the fact that the American muskrat could not understand the German language.

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Calgary Local daily

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Great Britain has put into effective operation means of combating the submarine, which, according to officials, has hitherto been a real menace, resulting in a loss estimated at between \$5 and \$70. The report does not say how far the British admiral confidently believes it has crushed the German submarine threat. New methods of offensive and defense may revolutionize navy warfare have been devised by the British admirals. Officers are of the opinion that unless the effectiveness of the submarine is increased, it will not be a menace.

According to the reports destruction of 60 submarines has actually had been reported several weeks ago, and it was regarded as possible that the figure might be ed 70. A dinner was given recently in London to a number of high government officials in celebration of the destruction of the 60th submarine.

While the greatest secrecy is maintained the United States has information that the new method has been employed. A submarine trap has been devised by which it is possible to detect the approach of a submarine by sound from above, and the submarine is shot at from shore connected with points on the mainland.

These nets have been stretched across the channels through which the submarines may be expected to pass and are so constructed that they will wait for the submarine to rise.

### Big Irrigation Convention

Many Prominent Speakers to Deliver Addresses at Convention to be Held at Bassano

In connection with the Western Canada Irrigation Association, to be held at Bassano, Alta., Nov. 22 to 25, an excellent program of addresses has been arranged by the most prominent men who have signified their intention of attending the convention. The names of the speakers are as follows:

J. H. Dill, president of the irrigation, U.S. reclamation service, Billings, Montana; "Better Farming," author of the book, and a member of Farmers of Alberta, Calgary.

W. H. Olson, agricultural consultant, University of Minnesota, Duluth, Wayne Colorado; "Practical Irrigation."

R. H. Howes, dean faculty of agriculture, University of Alberta, Edmonton; "Agricultural Education."

J. T. Hinch, third vice-president, International Irrigation Congress, Hermiston, Oregon; "The Alfalfa Farm."

W. H. Fairfield, superintendent Dominion Experimental Farm, Lethbridge, Alberta; "Crop Rotation on Irrigated Land."

William Young, engineer of water rights department of Alberta, Edmonton, B.C.; "The Success of Water Users' Committees in B.C."

S. G. McLean, irrigation branch, department of the interior, Calgary; "Affairs, the Basis of Successful Irrigation."

Margie M. Goldring, instructor in household economics, Alberta, Mount Royal College; "Household Science Training for Country Girls."

W. C. Scott, deputy minister of agriculture, B.C. government, Victoria; "Agricultural Opportunities in B.C."

G. H. Hutton, superintendent Dominion Experimental Farm, Lacombe, "Irrigation in Alberta."

Douglas H. Forsyth, in charge of U.S. irrigation operations in Idaho; "Irrigation of Alfalfa."

S. S. Dunham, vice-president, United Farmers of Alberta, Edmonton; "The Future of Irrigation in Southern Alberta."

D. W. Wyke, M.L.A., hon. president Cypress Hills Water Users' association, Maple Creek, Sask.; "Irrigation."

R. M. Winslow, secretary B.C. Fruit Growers' Association, Victoria, Columbia; "Fruit to the Prairie Farm."

J. J. G. Rutherford, C.M.G., superintendent agriculture and animal industry, C.P.R., Calgary; "Livestock on Irrigated Land."

G. D. Walters, irrigation branch, department of the interior, Calgary; "Irrigation Investigations in the Irrigation Branch, Department of Interior."

Others who have accepted invitations to present and address the doings of their respective departments of agriculture, Saskatchewan, E. F. Drake, superintendent of irrigation, Lethbridge, Alberta; C. P. McRae, commissioner of agriculture, Don H. Barker, formerly in charge of U.S. irrigation operations in Idaho; "Irrigation of Alfalfa."

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**Bassano-Winnipeg Fruits**

The exhibition carried on for several years by the board of trade at Bassano to induce small farmers to send their fruit to market has proved very successful, and some excellent orchards of small fruits have resulted as a result. There were also the usual hardy varieties, also some fine showings of peaches, plums, cherries, and other fruits, of which some fine vines of the Congoone variety have this year borne in the open air.

### New Air Weapon

Germans Are Perfecting a New Arial Engine

The aerial torpedo invented by a Swedish officer and sold to Krupp, Germany, has been copied by the Germans as a new air weapon, but certainly it is not the finished article. The Swedish inventor, Mr. Carl Stora, has a model with a turbine engine driven by gas which he says is more like a propeller than with propellers driven by electricity and compressed air. The German aerial torpedo can, theoretically, remain in the air for a distance of two miles. Both weapons are derived from the original German invention two propellers and a motor which is started at the moment of discharge.

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ALL WORK GUARANTEED  
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NOTICE OF MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Bassano S.A. of Tramps will be held in the Town Hall at 8 o'clock on the first, next, May 3, at 8 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to be present.  
R. A. TRAVIS, Secretary.

## "The Grocery House"

Phone No. 9 P. O. Box 104

To those who may not have been favoring us with their orders, but have reaped the benefit by our initiative in reducing prices in the town of Bassano, we are glad to have been of profitable service, and hope that the old saying of "One Good Turn Deserving Another," will repeat itself in the shape of giving us a share of their patronage.

Royal Household Flour per 98 lb. sack \$3.05  
Glenora Flour, per 98 lb. sack 2.85  
We can supply you with a carload, we have the stock.  
Tea, 3 pounds for \$1.00 and up.  
Coffee, 25c. per lb. and up  
St. George's Milk, per tin .10  
Dried Peaches, 3 lbs. for .25

Another Consignment of Concords expected tomorrow, Rock Bottom Prices.

Hams and Bacon of all kinds. Fresh Sausage and Haddies  
*Carload of Winter Apples* J. S.  
Produce Taken as Cash. We are paying 35c a doz. for Fresh Eggs, 25c. per lb. for Good Dairy Butter.

## McKee & Berry

"The Grocery House"

## UNION BANK

OF CANADA

A Valuable Feature  
of a  
Joint Account

opened with the Union  
Bank of Canada in the  
names of two persons,  
so that if one dies the family funds are not tied up  
just when they are likely to be most needed. The  
survivor can withdraw the money without delay or  
formality.

Think it over—then open a Joint Account.

BASSANO BRANCH - - G. W. BOYD, Manager

*The Rexall Stores*  
ARE  
CANADA'S FAVORITE DRUG STORES

## Toy Balloons for The Children

FREE

Commencing Monday Sept. 26, we will give a Toy Balloon Free with a 25c. box of Note Paper and Envelopes.

Get a box of paper for your own use and a balloon to make the children happy FREE.

This offer is only good until our supply of balloons is exhausted.

## STILES, The Druggist

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

## ARE YOU PREPARED FOR FIRE?

Sometimes an appliance at hand to extinguish a blaze saves thousands of dollars.

THE PEERLESS FIRE EXTINGUISHER is always reliable. Write

The Eclipse Specialty Mfg. Co.  
10430 9th Street, Edmonton C. E. Dowling, President

OR SEE JOHN ALLEN, Local Agent

BASSANO

## -- LOCAL AND PERSONAL --

"Slim" Sanderson left on Tuesday to join the 82nd in Calgary. "Slim" will look cute in puttees as he has such well-shaped legs.

Claude McClary is spending a holiday in Moose Jaw. Being such a quiet little fellow at home he will sure hit the high spots when away.

Miss Lydia Peterson, of Portage la Prairie, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Worsley for a short time on a holiday trip to the west.

J. S. Mavor is spending the week end at Delta (wherever she is) addressing patriotic meetings. Her eloquence will bring dollars from Delta if anything can.

Miss Alana Gustavson, better known as Miss Y. T. L. Lake, spent the weekend in Bassano, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hughes (and family.)

Secretary Travis of the local board of control of the irrigation convention, reports a large number of entries coming in and much interest being taken in the three western provinces.

Bonnie Gray left Sunday night for Calgary to don the king's uniform. If Germans look so good to him as Chinamen there will be some sore heads in Flanders on his arrival there.

While climbing on to a roof with a loaded 22 rifle Herbert Weaver had the misfortune to shoot himself through the fleshly part of the hand between the thumb and forefinger. The wound is slight.

J. H. Thompson of the Bank of Commerce expects to leave the end of this week to join the 82nd. Here's hoping he performs a large number of Germans at the front and also in the rear.

A gentelman with the tail name of Russell has taken "Slim" Sanderson's place in the Union Bank. We haven't learned his maiden name yet. He comes from the big town of Alderson.

Rev. W. S. Brookes was duly inducted into the pastorate of the Presbyterian church on Monday night when a number of persons came up from the flat and performed the necessary operations.

Tag Day last Thursday was a very successful day for the Red Cross Society. It is rumored that one of the delegates to the convention was so tickled with Bassano's hospitality that he donated a \$10 bill to the

cause and asked for no change.

The provincial School of Agriculture at Claresholm will commence its third year in Agriculture and Domestic Science on November 2nd. Extra accommodation has been provided for the large number of students who have registered. Already over one hundred have signed their intention of taking the work.

## GEM THEATRE

### The Bostonians are here To-Night Only

### "TIPPERARY MARY"

### A Delightful Breath of Irish Mirth and Melody

### 16 CHARMING COLLEENS 16

Prices \$1.00, 75c. and 50c.

Tickets at Drug Store

## What Shall It Be?

There is nothing nicer for a Christmas Present than a Photograph.

ALWAYS APPRECIATED &  
SOLVES THE PROBLEM  
which will eventually worry you.

Get your photos taken now and have them in good time.

R. A. BIRD  
Photographer - Bassano

## Classified Ads.

### FOR SALE

Two Jacket Western, also vegetables of all kinds. Large quantities of turnips. Apply BASSANO FURNITURE STORE.

### FOR SALE!

A good barn 14x18, built with hip roof, good hay mow. Will accommodate two teams or one team and an automobile. To be moved from premises, will move early. Apply Box 63 Bassano.

### LOST!

One Cayuse, chestnut colored gelding, weight about 80 pounds, four white feet, branded LO on left shoulder. Info for information leading to recovery to FRED BRENNAN, Box 100, Bassano.

### ESTRAY

On the premises of Henry J. Walsh, See 23, tp 10, R.R. 2, west of 4 miles, one bay gelding, white points, weight 1400 pounds. Branded LO on left shoulder.

Henry J. Walsh

### \$5.00 REWARD

Will be given for information leading to the present whereabouts of one two-year-old gelding which was lost when in foaled, weight 1000, branded LE on left hip, and has latter on, I two-year-old filly Roan Mare, white face, branded BI on right hip. Confused with another mare, weight 800, thirteen-year-old Bay Mare, small white spot in forehead, weight 1000, branded AA on left shoulder.

BRIEF S. PURINTON, Lethbridge.

### SPELTZ FOR SALE

All well desired Speltz can be obtained at 10c per bushel. 1000 lbs. for sale at 75 cents per bushel grown from seed which took first prize at San Francisco Fair, and which made 88 bushels per acre this year. This is equal in feed value for all kinds of stock to barley, and is a good winter feed. Delivered to any place in town after freezing up at 5 cents per bushel extra. Leave order at Mail office or apply.

## FOR SALE

Four bay horses, 6 and 7 years old. Also harness and two wagons. Apply to W. HOBART.

## WINTER PASTURE

Will take horses at \$4.00 per head, for the winter, Nov. 1st to April 1st, 3% section fenced. Straw stacks from 400 bags of grain. Good water. THE NORTHWEST ALBERTA CO.

## FOR SALE CHEAP

The 91-15, 4th meridian, land east of Lethbridge, 160 acres, 1000 ft. elevation. Can irrigate and unirrigated water right, Berry Creek running through centre of property. 18 miles from rail way centre, road surveyed 5 miles from property. Store, post office and school house.

On this property there are \$10,000 worth improvements, including 5-room house; stable 28x44; machine shed 30x20, and other buildings. 200 acres in crop, remainder unbroken, suitable either for farming or ranching. Two sections and a quarter leased. Enquire Mail office or address box 63, Bassano.

## FOR SALE

Four Corgie Hounds puppies, 6 months old. Apply to H. P. ROBINSON, Crawford, Alberta.

## SPELTZ FOR SALE

CONSTITUTION causes mental and physical suffering. Rexall Ointment, gentle laxative promptly relieves constipation. Sold only by Stiles, the Rexall store, 10c., 25c and 50c. boxes.

## Garbutt Business College, CALGARY, ALBERTA

SUBJECTS: Bookkeeping, Typewriting, Shorthand, Rapid Calculating, Commercial Penmanship, Office Practice, Commercial Law, Salesmanship, Arithmetic, Drafting, Photostatic Work, Billing, Higher Accountancy, Martenization.

Our graduates are being placed in responsible positions at initial salaries ranging from \$30 to \$100.00 per month. Write for information to F. G. Garbutt, President.

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Riding Boots made to order at \$14.00  
Hand-made Shoes to order a. 8.00  
Riding Saddles at 15.00  
Heavy Stock Saddles made to order \$50.00 to 90.00  
Second Hand Stock Saddles at 30.00

Let us Oil your Shoes and Harness with Viscos Waterproof Oil. It makes them wear longer.

JAS. CRASKE, Harness-Maker JOHN SIENKWCZ, Shoe-Maker

Bassano Harness Co., Limited

## Groceries and Provisions

WE buy direct from the Largest Jobbing Houses and Manufacturers in the country for CASH, and are enabled to get the Lowest Prices, besides always being sure of obtaining First-Class Goods, and as we are not paying enormous expenses in rent, clerk hire, city taxes, etc., we can sell goods at the most Reasonable Prices.

No. 1 Patent Flour, per sack \$3.00

20 lb. Sugar, B. C. 1.50

Potatoes, per bushel .40

Winter Apples, 45 to 50 lb. box 2.00

Jam, per tin .65

Corn, " " .10

Peas, 2 tins for .25

Tea, 40c. and 50c. per lb.

Coffee, 25c., 35c. and 50c. "

Five Car Loads of Staples and Fancy Groceries, Flour, Bran, Shorts, Salt and Fruit added to Stock during the past few days.

## E. F. PURCELL

Bassano and Brooks, Alberta

## CATTLE

### Unreserved Auction Sale

By the order of the Mortgagors at the

### C.P.R. Stock Yards

### Strathmore

### Sat., Oct. 30

at 2 p. m. Prompt

### 100 Head Cattle

Comprising well bred

Yearlings, 2-yr.-olds,

Cows and Calves

Also I pure bred Highland Bull.

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